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Agawam Welcomes British



Making presentation of a trophy from the Nova Jr. Football Team to the American Team are coaches Jack Walker (left) and Frank Roper (second from left) to coaches Dave Stratton (second from right) and Bill O'Brien.

Hampden County Training School Conversion Approved

State Representatives Edward W. Connelly of Agawam recently announced that the state will spend \$600,000 to convert the former Hampden County Training School on South Westfield St., Feeding Hills to a law enforcement training school and state crime laboratory. The monies for the school were part of the state budget

which was recently approved by the legislature. The school will attract over 1500 persons from the four western counties annually. The total cost of operation has not been determined but the Criminal Justice Training Council will fund the operation. While the project will take between 18-24 months to complete the local training

will be still offered at various locations including the Springfield Police Department and local colleges.

The center will offer various courses on law enforcement, as well as courses for administrators of state and local laws. The center is the fifth school to be established in the state, one of the schools is planned for a future location.

Where To Send Your Complaints Re Robinson State Park

If you have a complaint regarding the operation of Robinson State Park, or if you would simply like to state an opinion, the following are the names of the people you should contact:

(1) Mr. Gilbert Bliss, Director, Division of Forests and Parks, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Mass.

(2) Mr. Richard Kendall, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Management, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, Mass.

(3) Rep. Edward Connelly, 565 River Road, Agawam, Mass. or at the State House, Boston.

(4) Contact the Town Manager and ALL of the Town Councilors by phone or letter.

New Contractor For Rubbish Collection

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to announce that effective July 3 a new CONTRACTOR has been employed for the bi-weekly collection of rubbish. The E. P. Hayes firm which has satisfactorily performed similar services for Rocky Hill and Wethersfield, Conn. submitted the low bid for the collection in Agawam.

Residents are asked to have their rubbish containers on the tree belt by 7:00 A.M. to insure pickup. The new contractor may be

following a different order on each route so that collection time could vary from those of the past contractor.

The cooperation of all residents is sought to insure a smooth transition between contractors. There has been no change in the schedule for rubbish collection or in the rules that apply to containers or materials to be collected. Any problems or complaints should be brought to the attention of the Agawam D.P.W. at 786-0400 extension 41.

Conte Applauds Veteran's Pension Improvement Act

WASHINGTON D.C., June 28, 1978 - U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Mass., today applauded the overwhelming vote in the House that has sent the Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act to the Senate. The bill passed the House on a vote of 279 to 5.

For Conte, it meant that one of the final hurdles to enactment of legislation to correct a problem he identified and filed bills to alleviate for the past five years has been cleared.

The Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Improvement Act would index veterans pension rates to the Consumer Price Index on the same basis as Social Security. In so doing, it would provide for annual automatic pension increases to keep pace with the rising cost of living. Most importantly for many veterans, it would insure that VA pensions would not be reduced solely because of Social Security increases.

The Massachusetts lawmaker said that the practice under current law of decreasing veterans pensions when Social Security benefits are increased has unfairly penalized veterans who receive benefits under both

programs. "Over the years, I have received countless letters from veterans and their families detailing instances where they have been subjected to reduction in, and in some cases, elimination of their veterans benefits when their Social Security benefits went up," Conte said. "Cost of living increases in Social Security benefits are designed to help persons living on fixed incomes cope with inflation. However, under current law we have the Federal government in an 'Indian-giving' situation, giving with one hand, in the form of increased Social Security benefits, only to take away with the other hand, in the form of reduced veterans benefits. Clearly this was inequitable and I have filed legislation in every Congress since 1973 to correct this."

Conte said that while the legislation passed by the House today is not exactly the legislation he drafted and filed, it does address and correct the problem. Conte is also a cosponsor of the House-passed measure. "I am very gratified that this problem that I have long sought to correct is finally being acted upon," Conte said today after the vote.

Council Supports Zero Based Budgeting

At last Wednesday's meeting, the Agawam Town Council unanimously approved a resolution supporting zero-based budgeting and a maximum three percent increase in the 1978-79 budget.

Introduced by Councilor Dennis Roberts, the resolution, though not legally binding, is intended to inform the residents of the council's concern over the tax rate and excess budget spending.

Councilor Paul Fieldstadt said the resolution was "probably the best that has come before this Council during my years as a Councilor."

Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos said that town employees should be aware of the fact that pay raises must be held in line. He also noted that some services to the town may be cut or lost altogether.

Town Manager Peter Caputo hailed the resolution

as a "great idea that must be stuck to."

During "Citizen's Speak" time, Safety Officer Stanley Chmielewski and four other people asked the Council to support a ban on recreational vehicles in Robinson State Park. A fourth person spoke in opposition to the ban.

Chmielewski told the Council of gangs of pre-teens on mini-bikes and dirt bikes terrorizing abutters to the park, and destroying park terrain. He indicated that a letter from Ken Dybuque of the State Parks Department was asking the Council for direction on what kinds of restrictions the town would like to see at the park.

Edna Condino, the Agawam Community representative for the Council for Children said that families were afraid to use the park because of the danger to their children presented by the motor bike riders.

Patricia Guevin, Editor of the Advertiser/News urged the Councilor to view the damage being done to the park for themselves. She also cited the safety hazard presented by youngsters driving in the park.

Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Roberts, two abutters to the park property both complained of the damage being done to their own properties by cyclists who use their yards as access roads to the park.

Councilor Kenneth Barnes introduced a resolution to inform the State Parks Department that it should do whatever necessary to insure that the park was properly used for recreational purposes. Barnes noted that this measure would place the responsibility on the state "where it belongs. It's their property." The resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 13-0. Councilors Herd and Ladizuski were not present at the meeting.

Letter Claims Election Law Violations

Andrew Gallano, Chairman of the Charter Commission and several other citizens have sent Town Clerk Edward Caba a petition urging him to in-

vestigate what they feel were violations in the election laws before the special election held May 24, on the question of reorganization.

Gallano claims that members of the Citizens for Good Government violated election laws by circulating unsigned Hyers before the May 24th election.

In a letter to Caba, the group asked that Caba identify the persons involved and bring legal action against them.

Other citizens signing the letter besides Gallano were: Leonard C. Belcher, retired superintendent of the D.R.W.; Natalie C. George, Chairperson of the Planning Board; Dorothy Nelson of the Conservation Commission; Robert Nelson, William Kushin, and Ronald J. Lech.

Gallano claims that the unsigned flyer contained misleading information regarding the cost of the reorganization.

Mr. Caba was unavailable for comment.

The One That Didn't Get Away



Mark Petrucci, left, age 12 of 91 Channell Drive and Matt Dupont, also age 12, of 108 Campbell Drive show off fish they caught recently.

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United Way Announces Goal

SPRINGFIELD — A \$2,321,893 goal was announced for the annual United Way of Pioneer Valley Campaign by Burke A. Weisend, United Way president and president of Package Machinery Company.

Accepting the 1978 goal on behalf of his campaign organization was Roswell L. Derby, 1978 campaign chairman and senior vice president of Community Savings Bank. He said, "everyone in the Pioneer Valley has a significant role to play in reaching our goal which is \$164,063 above last year's goal and the highest in United Way history. Success in meeting our community's needs is dependent upon the effort of every volunteer worker and the positive response of every potential contributor in the Pioneer Valley."

Joining Weisend and Derby in making the announcement was Guinness Book of World Records "domino king", Bob Spec

Jr., an astronomy major at the University of Pennsylvania.

Speca began preparing for the July 6th, 2:00 p.m. goal announcement in the Baystate West Mirror Court at 7:00 a.m. placing over 1000 Milton Bradley supplied dominoes per hour into his United Way domino pattern. In under 3 minutes Derby toppled the dominoes revealing the United Way of Pioneer Valley's 1978 campaign goal of \$2,321,893.

Derby said, "our campaign effort and Bob's domino efforts both require a great deal of hard work to achieve success. The 1978 campaign's outcome can be measured directly by the human services that will be available during the coming year for all of us in the Pioneer Valley."

"Subject to a successful campaign finale on Wednesday, November 8, 1978, our United Way Board of Trustees has made the following agency by agency allocations."

Listed under Group Services are: United Way Camperships, \$23,000; Dunbar Community Center, \$83,400; Jewish Community Center, \$43,648; Ludlow Boys & Girls Club, \$56,285; Metro Springfield YMCA, \$132,016; North End Community Center, \$46,236; Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts, \$46,363; Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts, \$35,664; South End Community Center, \$17,040; Springfield Boys Club, \$142,018; Springfield Girls Club, \$121,859 and Big Brothers, \$19,710. Also, U.S.O., \$1,000; West Springfield Boys Club and Girls Club, \$55,351; Western Massachusetts Girl Scouts, \$5,500; Westfield Boys Club, \$39,225; Westfield YMCA, \$15,003; and the YWCA, \$19,305.

Listed under Child & Family Care Services are: Child & Family Service, \$45,000; Child Guidance Clinic, \$1,000; Family Life Education Program, \$13,000; Hampden County Association for the Retarded, \$17,428; Jewish Family Service, \$20,000; Protective Services for Children, \$45,000; Springfield Day Nursery, \$69,000; and United Cerebral Palsy, \$34,984.

Included under Community & Neighborhood Services are: Community Council, \$72,452; Springfield Red Cross, \$212,613; Springfield Salvation Army, \$58,763; Urban League, \$57,914; United Way, \$259,457; Westfield Red Cross, \$41,420; and Westfield Salvation Army, \$2,500.

Health & Rehabilitation Services include: Community Care Center, \$13,000; Drug Abuse Foundation, \$37,500; Ex-Offender

Rehabilitation, \$10,000; Hampden District Mental Health Clinic, \$70,200; Hospital Services, \$3,300; Legal Aid Society, \$12,500; Massachusetts Association for the Blind, \$26,200; Springfield Goodwill Industries, \$12,200; and the Visiting Nurse Association, \$74,600.

Weisend made special note that approximately 50 percent of the increased dollars needed to attain this year's goal has been designated for an expansion of program services aimed at increasing United Way support of critical community needs. Among them are: \$13,000 for a new concept in family day care offered by the Springfield Day Nursery; \$10,079 for implementation of an expansion of United Cerebral Palsy services; \$12,000 for the recently established Information and Referral Service; \$15,000 for specialized V.N.A. home health services for area residents over 60 years of age; and an additional \$5,000 for an expansion of Protective Services for Children.

Also included are a Reserve Allocation Fund, for community emergencies and new programs, \$79,000 and a Reserve for uncollected pledges, \$130,239.

Derby concluded, "In the final analysis our 1978 United Way's campaign success is up to each and every person in our area. I know what United Way dollars can do because I have taken the time to find out by visiting United Way Agencies on a 'Come and See Tour'. I urge you to do the same. You will be amazed at the help your annual United Way contribution provides for everyone in our Pioneer Valley."



LaValley Army Recruiter Aide

AGAWAM, MASS. — Army Private Edward A. LaValley, a 1977 Agawam High School graduate who enlisted here in December as a helicopter weapons systems repairman, recently returned home to help local recruiters promote military service.

LaValley, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. LaValley, 84 Hasting St., is one of three western Massachusetts soldiers now taking part in the nationwide "recruiter aide" program. He will be assigned to the Springfield Army recruiting office at 145 State St. until

July 29.

Nominated by their local recruiters, all aides work in their hometowns for 30 days before reporting to their first permanent duty stations.

Pvt. LaValley completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., and recently attended an accelerated course at Ft. Eustis, Va.

While in the area, the soldier will be available to discuss Army training opportunities with high school students and community groups.

On August 8, he leaves for his permanent duty station at Ft. Campbell, KY.

Generic Drug Use Promoted

The Department of Public Health is currently gearing up for a statewide consumer education program to explain the concept of generic drugs and to promote their use throughout the commonwealth.

The Massachusetts Generic Drug Law swings into effect on August 1 at which time all physicians in Massachusetts must use a new prescription form when writing drug prescriptions. This form will have two signature lines instead of one. If the physician signs the "interchange permitted line", the pharmacist must dispense a lower priced drug equivalent, if one is available.

Generic drugs are generally three to seven times less expensive than

their higher priced brand name counterparts and there is no difference in quality and purity.

We are trying to bring to the consumers attention to ask their physician to sign the "interchange permitted line" and also to gain the active support of the pharmacists in the state to dispense a drug product that reflects a significant savings to the consumer.

This effort represents a challenge to help the consumers of Massachusetts stretch their prescription dollars.

Council of Churches Single Group

The Council of Churches Singles Grop will have a picnic at Robinson State Park, July 9, Sunday, 3:00 p.m. till dark. Don't stay home alone. Come, bring the kids, bring your food, and meet some other singles. The next meeting will be July 13 at Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut St., Springfield at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Allan Baldwin will speak on his experiences in Africa. For more information call Rev. Olcott at the Council of Churches, Summer Avenue, Springfield.

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This is a question frequently asked of the Massachusetts Cancer Information Service (CIS). "Too much exposure to the sun by an unprotected person is the major cause of many skin cancers. People with light-colored hair and eyes and a fair complexion should be especially careful about getting too much sun," said a CIS spokesperson.

The Massachusetts Cancer Information Service is a statewide, toll-free telephone service for cancer-related questions from the general public and health professionals. Within Massachusetts the number is 1-800-952-7420.

Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers in humans. It accounts for more than one-sixth of all new cancers diagnosed each year. However, about 95 percent of all skin cancers can be cured. With early detection they respond well to a variety of treatments.

"Many CIS callers also wonder if the use of a sun screening lotion will protect them against too much exposure to the sun's hazardous ultraviolet rays. We advise callers to look for lotions containing PABA (Paramenobenzoic acid) the most effective sun-screening chemical available. It helps prevent the damaging ultraviolet rays from reaching the skin tissue. It still allows for a gradual

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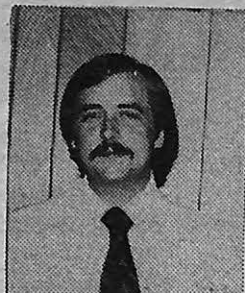
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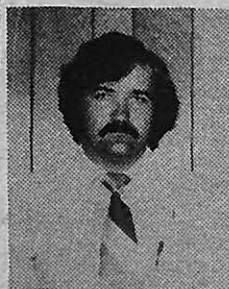
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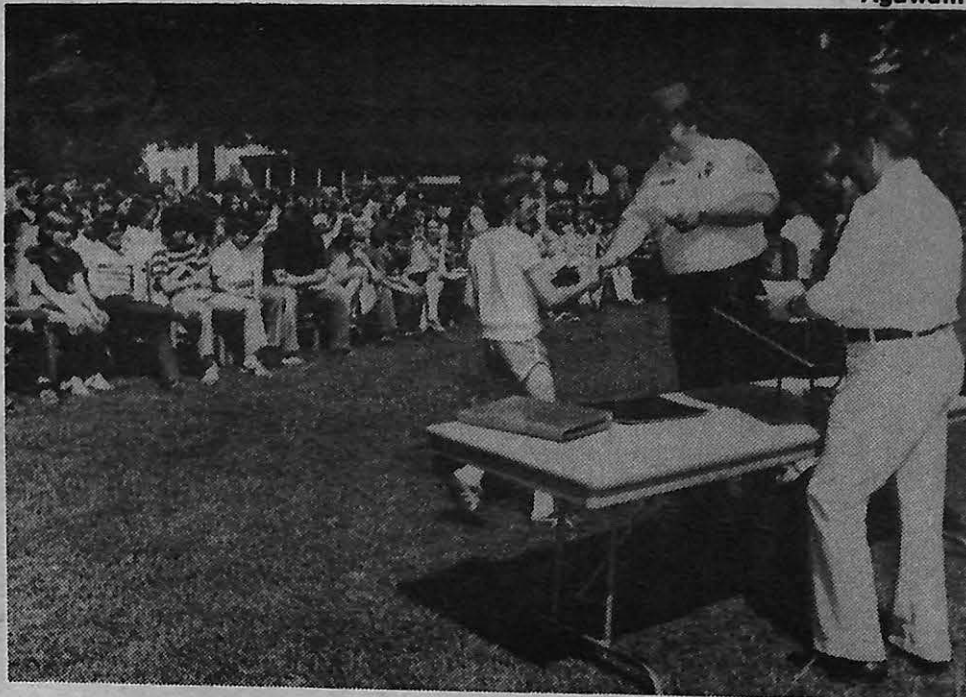
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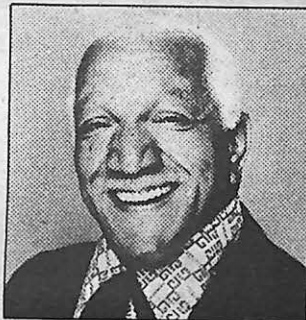
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Summer Reading Club

The Agawam Public Libraries will begin the annual Summer Reading Club program on Friday, July 14, 1978, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Agawam Public Library II, 862 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. The club will meet for six consecutive Friday mornings. An exciting new program will be sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association and the Town of Agawam.

A unique pair, the Mad Hatters, have conjured several shows from the magic hat of entertainment to provide the children of Agawam with magic tricks, puppet shows and clowning. The Mad Hatters, Dan Grady and Carol Smith, are professional performers with experience from Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey's Circus Clown

College, The Little Red Wagon, The Big Apple Puppet Theatre, etc.

Ricki Mazor, an Agawam favorite will once again involve the children in a unique audience participation program with brand new stories from her storytelling bag. She, too, is a professional of creative drama.

An additional treat for Agawam youngsters will be provided when Mr. Hamburger from McDonald's distributes free punch and

cookies on July 28th. Prizes will also be provided by McDonald's for all those children who participate in the Summer Reading Club. The Club will end with a big bang on August 18th with a bus trip to Forest Park's Kiddieland Zoo for a Zoofari!

Special flyers giving exact details for each event will be available at the Agawam Libraries. Pre-registration for Summer Reading Club may be done at either library, and must be done before July 14th.

Home Box Office Listings

**Monday
July 10**

6:30 FOOD OF THE GODS
 What was the food turning bugs into beasts? Marjoe knows. (PG-1:28)
8:00 GREASED LIGHTNING
 Directed by Michael Schultz of Car Wash (PG-1:36)
10:00 ANNIE HALL
 Academy Award winner for Best Film, Actress, Director and Script (PG-1:33)
12:00 BOBBIE JOE & THE OUTLAW
 A modern-day Bonnie and Clyde with Lynda (Wonder Woman) Carter (R-1:29)

**Tuesday
July 11**

6:30 POCO
 A little dog with a very big heart (G-1:28)
8:00 BABY BLUE MARINE
 Jan-Michael Vincent is washed out of Marine Corps boot camp (PG-1:29)
9:30 DEATH RACE 2000
 Alluring Simone Griffith is out to get David Carradine in futuristic tale (R-1:19)
11:00 FREDDIE PRINZE AND FRIENDS
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**Wednesday
July 12**

6:00 AMERICA AT THE MOVIES
 Cagney sings "Yankee Doodle Dandy" (PG-1:56)
8:00 THE THIEF WHO CAME TO DINNER
 Every Houston cop is out to nab him (PG-1:43)
10:00 ONE ON ONE
 Gorgeous Annette O'Toole is a tutor in the school of love (PG-1:38)
12:00 OBSESSION
 Directed by Brian De Palma of Carrie (PG-1:38)

**Thursday
July 13**

6:00 BITTERSWEET LOVE
 Lana Turner and Meredith Baxter Birney co-star in controversial drama of love and incest (PG-1:32)
8:00 BASEBALL: Half Way to the World Series
 Season highlights so far.
9:00 THE DEEP
 Morphine, munitions, money, mayhem (PG-2:04)
11:30 GREASED LIGHTNING
 Beau Bridges of Swashbuckler and Other Side of the Mountain (PG-1:36)

**Friday
July 14**

5:30 HOCUS POCUS IT'S MAGIC!
 Dick Cavett hosts.
7:00 BASEBALL: Half Way to World Series.
8:00 TAXI DRIVER
 Vietnam vet cruises the city in his lonely cab (R-1:54)
10:00 REDD FOXX
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11:00 DEATH RACE 2000
 Watch for Sly Stallone in a zoot suit (R-1:19)
12:30 BETWEEN THE LINES
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**Saturday
July 15**

2:30 DRIVE-IN
 Saturday fun (PG-1:36)
4:30 AMERICA AT THE MOVIES
 Great clips (PG-1:56)
6:30 BARNABY AND ME
 First Showing. Sid Caesar, American con man on the lam Down Under (G-1:30)
8:00 GEORGE KIRBY
 On Location.
9:00 WOMEN IN LOVE
 First Showing. Alan Bates and Glenda Jackson (R-1:29)
10:30 FREDDIE PRINZE
 On Location.
12:00 DRIVE-IN
 laughs galore (PG-1:36)

**Sunday
July 16**

3:00 POCO
 Incredible journey (G-1:28)
4:30 BASEBALL: Half Way to World Series.
5:30 BABY BLUE MARINE
 Sensitive drama of a WW II wash-out (PG-1:29)
7:00 BASEBALL: Half way to World Series.
8:00 EXORCIST II: THE HERETIC
 First Showing. Terror and suspense (R-1:57)
10:00 TAXI DRIVER
 Robert De Niro (R-1:54)
12:00 EXORCIST II: THE HERETIC
 James Earl Jones (R-1:57)



Police Chief Romeo Borgatti and color guard as they appeared in Agawam's Fourth of July parade.

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Child Abuse Network Proposed

"It's a cost free, common sense plan, which provides immediate relief to the abused child," Rep. William G. Robinson, Assistant Republican Floor Leader said today, after the Massachusetts House gave unanimous approval to his proposal addressing the primary problem of child abuse.

"My legislation is aimed at the immediate danger; keeping the brutal fist from the child, detecting where this brutality has occurred and calling upon the public conscience to help prevent its recurrence," Robinson pointed out.

The Robinson measure authorizes cities and towns to establish a community volunteer network to provide support services for the prevention and detection of child abuse and for the immediate care of abused children.

"My intention is to establish simultaneous cooperation between professionals and paraprofessionals, offering support services to the local police department, along with legal support from the Justice of the District Court, on a 24-hour basis," Robinson noted.

The volunteer child abuse network, channeled through existing community services, would be directed by any local organization capable of handling this problem.

Additional features

- exempts from all liability anyone who reports the abuse of a child, if that person has reasonable grounds for believing that abuse is occurring, has occurred, or may occur.

- provides for immediate intervention when child abuse is reported to the

police department. Each Chief of Police must designate an officer on each shift to take primary responsibility for responding to reports of child abuse.

- allows police officers to provide immediate protection for abused children by removing them from the imminent danger. This, without a custody order where the officer determines the necessity. A custody order would then be obtained.

- provides for the removal and care of the child on a temporary basis. This care to be provided in temporary foster homes established through the community volunteer network.

- requires crisis intervention persons, community volunteers and justices of the district courts, or their designees, to be on call on a 24-hour basis.

Community Band Schedules July Concerts

The Agawam Community Band which has had several well attended rehearsals will present several outdoor concerts at various locations in the Community. The general public is invited in addition to the special groups where the concerts are being held. Concertgoers are reminded to bring their own chairs for greater comfort.

The first program will be held at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, off Main and Wright Streets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors at the Senior Center instead of the back lawn.

On the next two Tuesdays concerts will be held at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home buildings; on July 18 in front of the South Building in the circular drive in front of the porch (7 p.m.) and on the 25th in between the two larger buildings.

In August, the Community Band will join with the Elementary and Advanced Summer enrichment school groups that are also meeting this month. The Summer program winds up with a concert on the senior high school oval Wed. evening, August 2 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Community Band has had a better than average turnout of 30-40 participants during their June rehearsals and has provided memorable evenings of music and fellowship for students and adults including a number of family groupings. Former tuba player with the high school Charles Robinson has been joined by his three daughters in recent years and this year he is joined by another bass horn enthusiast, John Hallock and his daughter.

Robert Lester of the high school faculty has been playing trumpet alongside his son Andy who was recently featured as euphonium soloist in the All Star Solo recital; and director Darcy Davis is also aided by his son a second year music student at the University of Conn.

Practically the whole office staff of last year's high school band is active with the Community organization even though they have graduated and they are joined by a number of the staff and members of recent senior high graduates and present members. They are joined by several students from the junior high school band to make a wide range of ages, but all enjoy making music together during the Summer months.

Runners Clinics At Y

The Metropolitan Springfield YMCA will be holding a series of Runner's Clinics beginning Thursday, July 13.

Dr. Jack Mahurin, Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology and head of the department of Exercise Physiology at Springfield College will open the series.

Dr. Mahurin is one of the premier runners in this area and is noted for his impromptu lectures at local road races. The topic that Dr. Mahurin will discuss is "Heat Acclimatization—What the runner needs to know about it."

The clinics are free to YMCA members and \$1.00 to the general public. The clinics will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For more information call 739-6951 Ext. 227.

Greylock Nature Museum Seeks Exhibits

Greylock Nature Museum in Becket, Massachusetts is searching for exhibits, displays, or collections of any materials related to the natural sciences or nature studies.

The museum staff would be happy to accept any offerings on a temporary or

permanent loan basis.

Also, anyone knowledgeable on any subject related directly or indirectly to nature studies willing to share their time and knowledge with children are pleased asked to call Greylock at 623-8921.

Any help you may wish to

offer regarding this request would be greatly appreciated. All offerings will be gladly picked up. Again that's the Greylock Nature Museum located in Becket, Massachusetts. That phone number again is 623-8921. Thank you.

Free "Star Party"

The Springfield Science Museum and the Armory Museum are offering the first in a FREE series of Science Summer Evenings. "STAR PARTY" will be held Tuesday, July 11 at 8:00 PM. Beginning in the Science Museum's planetarium, the evening will include a rooftop observing session in the observatory, weather permitting.

If your family has ever wanted to learn the constellations and the fantastic and ancient legends about them, come and join us up on the roof!

Planned especially for families, other programs will be offered on July 25 and August 8 at 8:00 PM. Everyone is welcome; there is no admission charge. For further information, please call the Science Museum at 732-4317 or 732-7911.

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Agawam-Feeding Hills Residents Graduate From UMass

The following Agawam-Feeding Hills residents were recipients of undergraduate degrees at the 108th commencement of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst. From Feeding Hills were: Joanne Bigda, 98 Cherry St.; Dianne C. Giordano, 42 White Birch Terr.; Walter B. Hurd, 1368 Springfield St.; Mary L. Loss, 142 Franklin St.; Raymond R. Pronovost, 58 Southwick St.; Deborah M. Regnier, 160 James St.; Michael J. Richards, 49 Hamilton Cir.; Marcia J.

Smith, 523 N. Westfield St.; Mark G. Sterling, 50 So. Westfield St.; Karen M. Waniewski, 397 S. Westfield St.; Bruce J. White, 75 Brookline Ave.; Sylvia E. Wolter, 1133 North Westfield St.

Students from Agawam were:

Debra P. Ackerman, 37 Parker St.; Robert A. Black, 29 Riviera Dr.; Patricia F. Feeley, 46 Cooper St.; James E. Flynn, 367 Cooper St.; Joseph C. Gazillo, 155 Leonard St.; Robert W.

Gurski, 110 Parker St.; Edward L. Karczmarczyk, 465 Corey St.; Lisa N. Karen, 21 Sutton Place; Patricia M. Leary, 129 Birch Hill Rd.; Michael V. McElroy, 35 Harvey Johnson Dr.; Michael W. Moylan, 370 Shoemaker Lane; Virginia A. Roberts, 32 Leonard St.; Joseph V. Russo, 639 Cooper St.; Matthew J. Siano, 375 Suffield St.; Martha S. Simone, 62 Reed St.; Harold C. Stuart, 12 Roberta Cir.; Michael F. Thompson, 644 Main St.

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Grange Annual Picnic

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, July 18th at the Grange Home on No. West St.

The annual picnic will be held on the Grange lawn at 6:30 P.M. All members are urged to attend with their families. Those planning to attend are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Earl Bradley to make arrangements for food for the buffet supper.

The business meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock to be followed by a surprise program which the lecturer is arranging.

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Pack 75 Holds Picnic

On June 25, 1978 Cubscout Pack 75 held a family picnic at Robinson State Park. Beautiful weather made for a good turnout of Scouts with their families. Lunch was served and an exciting softball game was enjoyed by all. Chairman of the event was George Collins.

The next event for the boys and their families will be a trip to Mt. Park for a fun-filled day of rides. The date for this event will be July 23, rain date July 30.

Garden Club Picnic

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its annual picnic on July 11 at Stanley Park at 6:00 p.m. Members and friends are asked to meet at the main entrance parking lot at 6:00 sharp.

Mr. Fish, who is the designer of the Japanese Garden will give a tour. If a member needs a ride please call Mrs. Betty Tefs 786-9442. Rain date July 18.

Davilli Named to Dean's List

Martin Davilli, a Biology major at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. has been named to the Dean's List for the second semester. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Faustino Daville, was a 1975 graduate of Agawam High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society, co-captain of the High School Soccer team and a member of the High School Baseball team.

"Y's Way to a Healthy Back"

Starting July 25, 1978, the Springfield YMCA will be holding two classes of a "Y's Way to a Healthy Back". This program consists of a series of mild exercises and stretching to recondition weekend muscles.

Registration is limited. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the YMCA.

For further information call 796-6951 extension 227. Do something healthy for your back today. Give the "Y" a call.

Ms. Anetz Berger Receives Degree

Anne-Marie Anetzberger, the daughter of Max and Margaret Anetzberger, was recently awarded her B.A. degree in Community Development from Springfield College. Her degree was awarded Summa Cum Laude in recognition of academic achievement. While at Springfield College, Anne-Marie was elected to Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, was a member of the Community Development Club, and danced with the Springfield College Dancers. On April 1 of this year, Anne-Marie was inaugurated as Miss Pioneer Valley 1978, an official Miss America Preliminary, and was later named a semi



Massachusetts Scholarship Pageant in New Bedford.

Chicken-Bar-B-Que for Scleroderma

Friday July 21st, 1978 the Agawam Scleroderma club will put on a Chicken Bar-becue dinner at the West Springfield, Agawam Elks pavilion on Morgan Road in West Springfield. The time of the dinner will be 6:30 in the evening and all proceeds will go for Scleroderma research, Scleroderma being a disease which literally turns your skin to stone.

December 16th 1973 Ruth Borgatti an Agawam girl succumbed to this disease and since then Gubby, her husband, and friends have been involved in raising funds for research with many different functions. Amongst these friends are girls also afflicted with Scleroderma who assist the best that they can for this disease not only turns you skin to stone but also ulcerates the fingers and mobility is limited. Not knowing what causes Scleroderms, thus far there is no cure but every year a new research center and clinics come into existence and fund raisers are gratified to hear this. There is not one professional fund raiser in the United States therefore all monies raised are turned over to research foundations. This areas contributions are turned over to the Medical Research Foundation of

Portland Oregon and Scientist Dr. Stanley Jacob and staff for research. A fairly new drug called Cimitidine is now being tried on some victims of Scleroderma with their permission but we have no report as to the effectiveness of it. The question is constantly asked as to how many people are afflicted with this disease, and the answer is about fifty to sixty thousand with the majority of them women. In this area alone Gubby and friends are in contact with about forty women and two men. The hope of these people are that many will attend this bar-becue for a good dinner and a worthwhile purpose, for the research foundations do not receive any grants or assistance from the State or Federal Governments.

The menu for this chicken barbecue is a half a chicken, salad, bread, watermelon or corn, coffee and desert. The price is very reasonable at 3.50 per person and \$1.75 for children under 12.

The next function will be an auction and tag sale to be held at The Laurel Ridge Farm camping area in East Otis Massachusetts in August. Also Ruths lady friends at the Orchards golf course are holding an invitational tournament in her memory July 11th and in November a bowling tournament will be sponsored by more of her friends. In September an Italian Open tournament will be held at the Orchards. (Mt. Holyoke Golf course).

Tickets for the chicken barbecue can be obtained by calling Gubby Borgatti from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at 736-3487 or by stopping by Interstate Sales corporation on 573 Union Street in West Springfield, Mass.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 11

Agawam Garden Club
Annual Picnic
Stanley Park, Westfield
6:00 P.M.

JULY 12

Red Cross Bloodmobile
Agawam Congregational Church - Main Street - 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

July 18

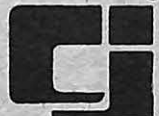
Agawam Community Grange
Annual Picnic
Grange Home
No. West Street
6:30 p.m.

July 22

Flea Market
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July 30

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Ann O'Keefe Retires

On June 30, 1978 Ann O'Keefe was honored by fellow employees upon her retirement after 24 years of service with The Town of Agawam. In gratitude for her accomplishments and friendship, Ann was feted with flowers and gifts at a

party in The Town Hall.

Mrs. O'Keefe served as secretary to the superintendent of Public Works working for 12 superintendents during her years of employment. Her dedication and hardwork and efforts contributed greatly to the

smooth and efficient operation of the D.P.W. Office over that period.

Ann was married to the late James A. O'Keefe, Sr. and has 3 sons and 9 grandchildren.

Naurison Scholarships Awarded

Wilson Brunel, Chairman of the Board of Third National Bank of Hampden County, recently announced that 436 area students will benefit from the James Z. Naurison Scholarship Fund. This year \$203,300 in scholarship grants ranging from \$400 to \$700 were given to students through a trust fund established under the provisions of the will of Dr. James Z. Naurison of Longmeadow who died in 1972. The scholarship fund was established in 1974, and since that time, 2,013 students from Hampden, Franklin, Hampshire, and Berkshire Counties and the towns of Enfield and Suffield, Connecticut have been awarded grants totalling \$886,050 for college and graduate school study.

Dr. Naurison was born in Russia and came to this country when he was eight years of age. He became a prominent cardiologist and practiced in the greater Springfield area for fifty-six years. In its capacity as Trustee under Dr. Naurison's will, Third National Bank received over 2,200 applications this year. Financial need was the primary requisite for assistance, but a student's academic and extracurricular activities were

also taken into consideration.

Scholarship winners from Agawam and Feeding Hills were:

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Robert Ambrogi, 238 Maple Street; Sharon Andrichak, 305 Suffield Street; Alfred Davis, 78 North Street; Diana Garcia, 56 River Street; Philomena Napoli, 31 Rowley Street; Lynn Ann Poggi, 123 Spencer Street; Jerald M. Pomerantz, 418 Meadow Street and Marissa Tangredi, 193 Meadow Street.

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Joseph J. Benerakis, 599 Shoemaker Lane; Barbara Klett, 791 South West Street; Barbara Landers, 775 Springfield Street; Cynthia Reutt, 76 Belvedere Street; Janice Reutt, 76 Belvedere Street and David Stratos, 106 Columbia Drive.

Applications for the 1979-1980 academic year will be available in December at all Third National Bank offices. Applications will also be sent to area schools, or may be obtained by writing to the James Z. Naurison Scholarship Fund in care of Third National Bank of Hampden County, P. O. Box 9006, Springfield, Massachusetts 01101.

LaLeche Meeting Slated

La Leche League of Agawam will hold its fourth in 9 series of four monthly meetings on Monday, July 17 at 8 P.M. in the home of Gloria Foley, 63 Anthony St.

The topic of discussion will be nutrition and weaning. Pregnant women as well as nursing mothers and their babies are encouraged to attend.

For further information or telephone counselling contact Mrs. James Cook, 183 Pine View Circle, Agawam, 786-3773.

Ludlow Grange Arts and Crafts Show

Ludlow Grange Number 179 is holding an Arts and Crafts Show on the grounds surrounding the Grange Hall on Center Street, Route 21, Ludlow Mass., on July 29th and 30th. Sales are open to the public from 10 to 5 on Saturday and 12 to 5 on Sunday.

Many area crafts people and artists will be featured with several demonstrations of various crafts.

No admission will be charged.

Message From Agawam Senior Center Council For Children

By Edna T. Condino

The Council for children would like to thank the many supporters of the Robinson State Park issue, on banning motorcycles in the park due to many problems created by the motorcyclists. For those who gave time to speak at the Town Council meeting we appreciate your support. For those who were afraid to speak due to retaliation in some form, if the problem concerned you daily life you should have supported the request for the ban on motorcycles at the meeting. Now you will have to live with the existing problem. That is unless, the state can put uniformed patrolmen in the park at all hours of the night, which is when the most damage is being done. It is in the state's hands now. Perhaps, Agawam can follow Springfield's answer to their park problems by placing horse patrolmen/women in the park and to enforce the 9:00 p.m. curfew for all vehicles, including motorcycles. CETA persons need the work, while Robinson State Park needs policing!

Menu:
7/10: Veal patties, spanish rice, lettuce, ice cream.
7/11: Maccaroni salad, wieners, apple pie.
7/12: Pork Chops, w/sweet sour sauce, mashed potatoes, cabbage, banana.
7/13: Meatballs in mushroom sauce, noodles, beet salad, applesauce.
7/14: Clam Chowder, rolls w/cheese, pudding.

7/17: Chicken legs w/special sauce, french fries, zucchini, cherries.

7/18: Hamburg-tomato-noodles casserole, lettuce, cookies.

7/19: Scandinavian dinner.

7/20: Pepper steak, rice, green beans, lemon cobbler.

7/21: Tuna salad, rolls, mixed vegetables, ice cream.

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Summer Outing For Secretaries

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Committee Chairman Robin G. Trotter announces that members will leave the Benton Street parking lot of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company at 8:30 A.M. and return at 7:00 P.M. providing 6-1/2 hours to enjoy the markets, sight-seeing, etc. in this famous area.

Since reservations are limited, the trip is open only to members and their guests. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, July 20.

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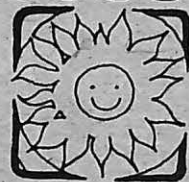
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Editorials

An Open Letter To The Agawam Town Council

Gentlemen:

Last Wednesday evening five people appeared before you to ask your assistance in correcting, what they considered, to be a serious problem. When it was my turn to speak, I felt that enough had been said — that you, as a group, understood the problem and would act accordingly, so I chose not to read a short speech I had prepared for the occasion. I was wrong.

You, the Agawam Town Council took what, in my estimation and that of my colleagues, was a simple, clear-cut request from Ken Dubuque of the State Parks Department and allowed a couple of your fellow councilors to confuse the issue beyond comprehension. You acted swiftly to do nothing.

It is all well and good to say that Robinson State Park is state property and therefore the state should take care of its own. What you seem to overlook is the fact that the Park is in our Town! What happens in and around that Park directly affects the residents of Agawam — the people who elected you to represent their interests.

I was contacted by some of the Councilors after the meeting who took the time and trouble to go through the park and see first hand the problems we were talking about. They expressed concern and interest and for that I thank them.

I must again urge you to reconsider the issue. You must not stand idly by while the situation in the Park becomes progressively worse.

I will now reprint the context of the speech I should have given Wednesday night. It might not have done any good then, and it might not now, but at least I will feel better knowing that my views have been expressed.

I am here this evening to ask that you gentlemen seriously consider the question of recreational vehicles in Robinson State Park and that you take swift and positive action to see that all such vehicles are banned from the park.

My motive for being here is not self-serving. I do not cross country ski, so the snow mobiles do not bother me. I unfortunately do not have the time to take leisurely walks in the park so the motorcycles don't bother me in that respect. I live near the park and the noise from the motorcycles is no greater than the noise of normal street traffic — so that is now why I am here.

I am here because I have talked to many people about the parks problems. I have talked to cross country skiers who claim they have been nearly run down by snow mobilers. I have talked to a man whose child was almost run over by a motorcyclist speeding through the picnic area of the park. I have witnessed cyclists traveling through the Park at excessive speeds and operating their vehicles in a reckless and dangerous manner.

I have taken a tour of the Park with one of the state employees and have seen first hand the extensive damage being done to the terrain by cyclists who apparently feel that every incline in the park must be turned into a hill climb. As you can see by the pictures I brought tonight, the erosion problem in these torn up areas is severe. The terrain is literally being washed away. Vegetation is dying and the natural beauty of the park is being destroyed.

We as a town must not let this natural habitat be destroyed by careless and uncaring individuals.

Robinson State Park's 800 plus acres is truly an asset to our town. The park can be restored and can be brought up to its fullest potential. The destruction must be stopped before the park becomes an eyesore — it may be state property, but it is in our town.

I urge you — consider this issue well — go to the park and see for yourself — use your powers and your influence to put a stop to the danger and destruction. Make the park safe for everyone, don't let it become a playground for a few.

Pat Guevin



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

More than 13 million surplus, unwanted cats and dogs are destroyed every year in the U.S. Most of these unfortunate animals suffer horribly before death because there are not enough good homes to go around.

Senator Harrison A. Williams of New Jersey has introduced a bill in the Senate that would provide local governments (of at least 100,000 persons) with federal loans to establish and provide initial operating expenses of low-cost, public, nonprofit spaying and neutering clinics for cats and dogs. This bill, SB 2151, calls for an appropriation not to exceed \$4 million for the fiscal year 1978, and for each of the four succeeding fiscal years. Presently, the U.S. spends about \$100 million to destroy unwanted cats and dogs.

Support for SB 2151 should be given by writing to Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Chairman of Human Resources, 4233 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Support of SB 2151 should also be expressed to our own U.S. Senators: Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, 431 Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Sen. Edward W. Brooke, 437 Old Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Very truly yours,
Debra L. Jablonski

To the Editor:

The citizens for Good Gov't. today placed total blame for recent voter apathy on the Town Council and Charter Commission Chairman Andrew Gallano. Is it any wonder people stay home. When they do come out and voice their opinion they are called "bitchers" by Gallano. (Agawam Advertiser 7-3-78) The people who were concerned about the Police Chief issue in the recent election, did perform their constitutional right and voted, but what difference did it make, the Council, by their 13-0 vote basically said, "to Hell with you the voters we will do as we please regardless of the vote." You can be sure that if the vote had come out in their favor they would have said "the people have spoken" and there would have been no mention of 10%.

Apparently Gallano and HIS special interest group stand for bad government, because it seems everything the Citizens for Good Gov't do he criticizes. It is well to remember that the Citizens for Good Gov't. and all of it's members have absolutely nothing to gain personally by any of its actions. We want what is best for all the people of Agawam not just a select few, and we feel sure that is why Gallano constantly tries to downgrade the Organization and it's members. He (Gallano) has totally confused the people of Agawam on our status as a City versus a Town. A few

well informed Council members on many occasions tried to clarify that we had a City form of Gov't., but Gallano and his special interest group called the Councilors a Troika and labeled them rabble rousers etc., when they were trying to get the truth to the people. We now find Mr. Gallano admitting that no matter how the election on Charter Revision comes out "We in fact have a City Form of Gov't. He again is up to his old tricks of trying to make something out of nothing just to keep the people confused thereby creating more apathy amongst the people.

"The people must have a voice in their Government to keep interest, and our organization feels the only way to accomplish this is to ELECT the people who will run our Town.

Citizens for Good
Gov't.
A.M.D.
Secretary

To the Editor:

The condition of the public tennis courts in this town of Agawam is disgraceful. Being a newcomer to the town, and an avid tennis player, I was shocked to see that the two lighted courts in the center of town are in such bad condition that not even a beginner in the sport is able to play on them due to the oversized cracks and barely visible lines. To correct the situation, in my opinion which made it worse, some blacktop usually used to surface roads was poured over the cracks and another set of lines was painted not over, but next to the original lines, creating a double image effect, which may be appealing to an artist but certainly not to a tennis player. It is nearly impossible to call whether a ball is in or out. Why is money being spent on lighting these courts (in the spring at 6:00 when it did not get dark until 8:00 — rather than repairing the courts correctly?

The three courts at Agawam High School are also not playable. These courts have the added feature of melting blacktop which sticks to one's sneakers on warm days. The courts at Shea Field, I have been told are no better.

Due to the terrible conditions at these public courts, I have been forced to play illegally in neighboring towns, such as Suffield and West Springfield, which show more concern for the recreational facilities of their communities. Being in these other towns more often it makes it very convenient to patronize their stores and restaurants more often, which I find myself doing more and more. And if others are doing the same, it would seem that the disinterest in the recreational facilities in Agawam is also hurting the overall economy of the town.

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



Congratulations to Gerry Mason and the Agawam Athletic Association for the well planned visit by the British soccer team to Agawam. The game and reception were well organized and well attended. Agawam put its best foot forward in welcoming our English guests.

Why do the various political factions in town all profess to have the best interests of Agawam at heart and yet continually drag our town through the mud via the courts and the media?

I read in another newspaper recently that one of Agawam's "damn Yankees" was unhappy with our political climate and so chose to move out of town — BIG DEAL — when can we read about one of the many families from Springfield or Chicopee who have moved INTO Agawam because they didn't like the political climate, tax structure etc. of their towns?

It appears to me that if one wants to play a decent game of tennis in Agawam, one would have to play at the well taken care of courts at the Pioneer Valley Raquet Club. But how many people in this town are willing and/or able to pay the membership fees? I certainly am neither.

Angrily,
Donna K. McCarthy

To the Editor:

I do not know who Mr. Gallano thinks he is condemning the Citizens for Good Gov't. for trying to work for the good of the Town. I am proud to be a member of the Organization and yes I too was one who passed out fliers. Perhaps my motive for being a member could be interpreted as a selfish one as I am as concerned about my own taxes as I am about the others in Agawam. As for the fliers being unsigned, that was an honest mistake, I'm certain most people who have read the papers for the past few years realize that it was the Citizens for Good Gov't. that were trying to defeat Reorganization. As for the so called misinformation of the flier, the population of Springfield should have read 172,000 instead of 127,000, a typographical error no worse than the one made by the Town Clerk when he put the wrong date on the election ballot in January. He had the election as Jan. 25 instead of Jan. 24. Anyone can make a mistake. Furthermore I believe that had the question of the Police Chief being returned to Civil Service been handled properly it would have appeared on the November ballot as it was supposed to, and would have saved the Taxpayers money is the recent mandate to the Detective Bureau by the Town Clerk (again Gallano's work) to spend overtime investigating the incident of the unsigned fliers. It seems very strange that on the 6th of June there was no written complaint from anyone, and other than the name of Gallano no names were available even. Now some four weeks later Mr. Gallano comes out with some names of those people who he claims signed a written complaint. It is also interesting to note the people on this list such as Mr. Belcher was the Supt. of

Public Works now retired & was also one of the Directors named in the Reorganization Plan. Natalie George is the Chairman of the Planning Board, Mr. Nelsen and Dorothy Nelsen also signed the letter, Dorothy is on the Conservation Com. as is I believe Mr. Lech and Mr. Scalise. As for Mr. Kushin I am not certain if he is still on a Committee or not. But isn't it strange that these people all have Appointed positions in Town. Hmm? Mr. Gallano himself is Chairman of the Charter revision com. and also busy trying to make trouble for anyone who does not think his way. He accuses the Organization of trying to confuse the people, that is like the pot calling the kettle black as he is a Master at the art of confusing people but then he should be he has been doing it long enough. I myself voted for this form of government because I was led to believe like so many others that we would still be a Town and that this form would save alot of money. I would like to be able to somehow, or somewhere, find out just what it cost to run the Town under the Selectmen, and what it cost now and what we have for better services etc. I think a lot of people would be in shock.

Until the people are given back a voice in their Gov't it is going to get worse too. The people wanted harmony on the Council, we got it but I feel we no longer have Councilors protecting our interests the way we did before. When it hits everyone where it hurts, in the pocketbook, then maybe others will join with us for a Common Cause OUR TAXES. One Councilor spoke at the last Public Hearing, and he is representing us? Mr. Gallano in the paper called this Hearing a "Bitching Session." No wonder people stay home, and there is Apathy in Agawam. A former Councilor asked if there was some way Teeth could be put in the Charter and the answer was that there was no way. So I ask What good is a Charter if they can ignore it and there is no penalty.

A very, very
concerned Citizen and
member of the
Citizens for Good
Gov't.
J.B.

Obituaries

Gerald E. Spear

AGAWAM — The funeral of Gerald E. Spear, 52, of 63 Silver Lake Drive was held Thursday morning at the T. P. Sampson Co. Chapel of the Acres, Springfield, with a service in St. Patrick's Church, Springfield. Burial will be in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Mr. Spear, a Springfield homebuilder and developer, died Tuesday at home.

He was born in Agawam, but lived many years in Springfield. He was involved in construction projects, including the Mulberry House and Seven Gables Motor Inn on Boston Road in Springfield.

Mr. Spear was a member of the Massachusetts', Connecticut and Virginia Realtors' Associations. He served as an aviator-radio man during World War II.

He leaves his widow, Katherine (Doyle) Spear; two sons, Gerald E. Jr. and David P., both of Agawam;

three daughters, Mary Louise Elkas of Holyoke, Rosemary Anne of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Joanne Marie of Agawam; two brothers, Merrill Spear of Brimfield and Raymond Spear of Westfield; three sisters, Marion Pryor of Enfield, Conn., Hazel English of Holyoke and Ruth Stecker of Rhode Island.

Pasquale Ricci

AGAWAM — Pasquale Ricci, 94, of 25 Prospect St., retired machinist from the Gilbert and Barker Co., with 30 years of service, died Thursday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Italy, he lived in Agawam 65 years and was a member of the Victor Wmmanuel Club and the Agawam Golden Age Club and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. He leaves two daughters, Emma, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Thomas E. Colli of Agawam; two brothers of Italy; and two grandchildren.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Damage from insect pests in the vegetable garden is a common and easily controlled problem. Damage from four-legged, furry pests is not so easily controlled. If you have raccoons raiding the garden and rabbits nibbling down your rows, try one or more of these solutions. Powdered rock phosphate, flour or talcum powder sprinkled on the foliage of beans, tomatoes, and lettuce seems to work for many. Of course, a fence is a natural answer, but if it's not put up just right, rabbits and coons will hardly know it's there. One way to install the fence is to use 30" fence of 1-1/2" mesh sunk 6" into the ground. An even better way is to use the same mesh fence with the top 6" curled over toward the outside and the bottom 6" folded flat on the ground. The barrier, attached to the fence posts, is only about 2' high, with 'fenders' on top and bottom. The rabbits can't figure out how to dig under the bottom flap, and if they try to hop over, the loose top stops them. Even coons can't cope and soon give up. Some other 'coon chasers' that I have heard about seem to work. Leave a transistor radio on all night (protected by a plastic bag). Talk shows and rock'n roll seem to be the best. Floodlight the garden during key ripening times - flick the light on and off

every now and then. You can also place several blinking lanterns around the garden or use blinking Christmas lights around the borders. A last resort could be to keep a brave dog tied nearby. Ideally a coon dog. Good luck!

When harvesting cucumbers, pick when they are a deep green. With most types, harvest at 2-3" for sweet pickles, 5-6" for dills, and 6-8" for slicing. Keep vines picked, which can mean up to 4 or 5 times a week at peak season. This will encourage continuous production. Roll vines when picking, never lift straight up. Forget about pulling weeds when vines are mature. This will disturb the cucumber roots and can cause wilting. Eggplant should be cut off the vine, never twisted. Fruits are best when 4-5" in diameter and a glossy purple black. The fruit is too old when the skin starts to get dull.

Ever use a vacuum cleaner in your garden? Some people use them to suck up white flies, flea beetles, jap beetles, and aphids. Also, use the vacuum on dandelion heads. Battery-operated ones designed for cars work well.

NEXT WEEK: Summer care for the flower garden and your house plants. **KEEP SMILING! JMC**

Council of Churches

Singles Group

Are you sitting at home every night feeling sorry for yourself? Well, they say (who?) that if we don't like ourselves how can anyone else like us. Get out of the house. You don't have to sit and stare at the four walls night after night, day after day. There are places to go and things to do! And such little time to do them in!

If you are single there is the Council of Churches Singles Group. Contact Rev. Olcott, Sumner Avenue, Council of Churches, Springfield. If you are a Single Parent, there is a place for you and your child/ren to go. Picnics, hayrides, swimming, bowling, roller skating, teen groups, Halloween, Christmas parties, Easter Eggroll & Hunt, camping, and baseball, and just something going on all the time for families to do together. There are activities just for kids, and then there are also adult activities such as dancing, record hops, sing-a-longs, a Fathers Day Dinner, and Mothers Day Dinner, bowling, bridge, chess, outings, tours, discussions, and coffee & conversation nights. The childrens activities are usually sponsored by the organization. Now, don't tell me there is no place to go to make friends. There is. Try it! Give either organization a call for information. Parent's Without Partners - 788-0597 or Singles Unlimited - 736-6494.



The Hampden Suburban Girls 13-15 softball team is pictured before a recent game against an Agawam A.A. team. The girls are, from left to right, front row: Diane Barnes, Debby Brennan, Judy Paulopoulos, bat girl Debbie Lanning, Cheryl Plante, Chris Carlson, and Jane McCarthy. Back row, same order: Coach Judy Lanning, Beth Schwabe, Mindy Harris, Lisa Pokorny, Diane Thibeault, Janet Welch, Julie Zimmerman, Cathy Voight, Dawn Lanning, and Roger Lanning, coach. Roger is the owner of the Dairy Mart on Main Street in Agawam Center.

Class of '68

To Hold Reunion

The Agawam High School class of 1968 will hold it's 10 year class reunion soon. Members of the class are asked to call 786-3887 for more information.

"Vial of Life"

A new program designed to make available life saving information in case of emergency for senior citizens and individuals who live alone. A small plastic vial is taped to the upper right hand shelf of the refrigerator. The vial contains necessary information regarding doctors name, medications and emergency contact.

The vials may be obtained by contacting the Senior Center, and are free of charge.

Golden Agers

On July 12, 1978, the Golden Agers will hold their annual picnic at the Polish American Club on Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. Happy hour will be from 11 a.m.-12 noon. Gift bingo will be the highlight of the afternoon.

SEE OUR CLASSIFIEDS!



Members of the Polish American Club's Women's Softball team are pictured: Front row from left to right are: Eddy Adamski, coach; Terry Lamothe, Carol Grzywacz, Angela Rossi, Annmarie Rowe, Barbara Cormier, Donna McKay, and Linda Schott. Back row, same order: Karen Zucco, Jean Abrahamson, Debbie Dahdah, Robin Easter, Betty Kelley, Karen Campbell, and Marie Lomellis. Absent when picture was taken were Sue Duquette and Bill Janulewicz.

Food Needed

Heart House Shelter for Battered Women is in urgent need of food supplies. Canned foods such as vegetables, fruit, meats, and meals in a can are desperately needed as are cereals, baby foods and products. Household cleaning products are needed especially, as the residents do all their own

work.

The Shelter is for battered women with children in the Western Mass. area. It's no use sticking our head in the sand any longer, it does happen, and these women need a place to go till the problem is solved. It could be you, or your neighbor or friend, the need has been there for many years for an

emergency resident home for the child and mother, until things calm down and a solution reached. The Heart House Shelter for Battered Women is a new residential home for emergency situations ONLY.

If you would like to make a tax free donation of food to Heart House please call 783-4281 for further information.

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Sports

British Soccer Team Visits Agawam

By Steve Berard

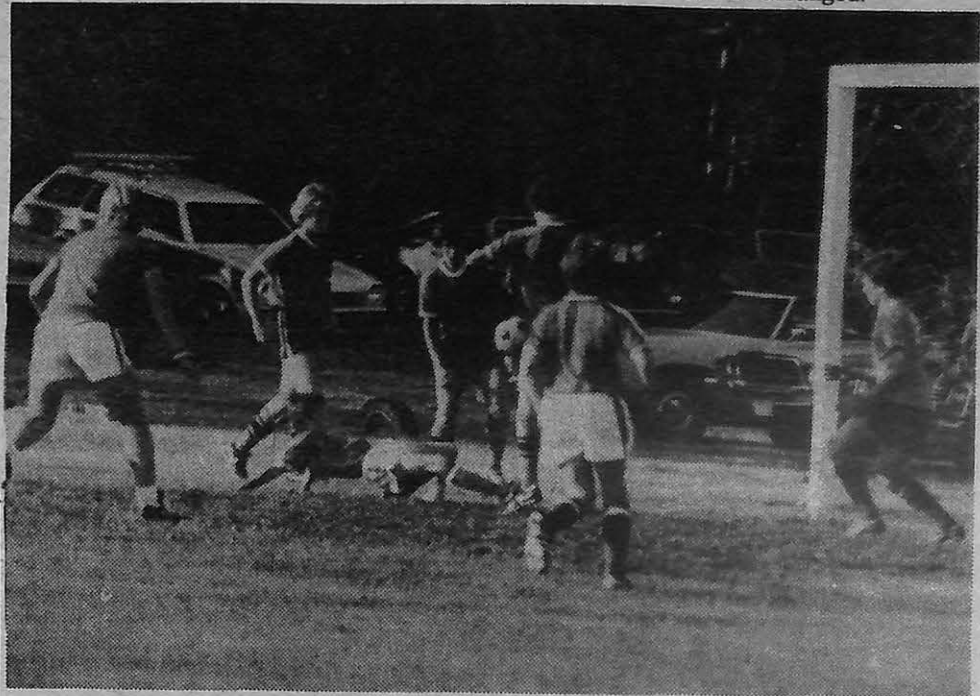
The England team that traveled overseas to get to the United States handily defeated our Agawam soccer

team by a score 8-0. Both teams met and played at the High School where a fairly large crowd gathered to watch the game. The main reason why the British won by such a landslide margin



Agawam Goalie, Jef Fuller, makes big save.

was their passing. Agawam never seemed to be able to move the ball up the field and were kept in their own end through out the game. The first half ended without a goal being scored but as soon as the second half began the Britishers went charging scoring two goals in the first minute. They went on to put six more shots behind Agawam goalie Jef Fuller. Fuller played a fairly good game but the shots kept coming and coming, with the England team always applying pressure in the Agawam end. After the



Agawam team saw a lot of action on its end of the field.

game ended both teams had a party at the POLISH Club where the boys got a chance to talk with their new foreign friends. Even considering the loss, I think the Agawam team enjoyed the game as much as the British one.

Group Holiday Planned for Agawam A.A.

Calypso Travel, owned and operated by Dot and Chuck Marquis, is formulating a group holiday for members of the AAA and their families at Walt Disney World, Florida, in August of next year. In order to book sufficient numbers of rooms and to charter a plane for the exclusive use of the Association it will be necessary to have a ball park figure on number of families interested in this vacation. If the idea interests anyone please call Calypso Travel which is located at 58 Morgan Road in West Springfield at 736-7005 or 781-5793. Financing for the trip can be arranged.

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Agawam Race Run . . .



Marathon runners wait for race to begin as part of Agawam's Fourth of July weekend. Ed Stobel of the North Carolina Track Club came in first. First Agawam runner to cross the finish line was Hal Stuart.

by DAN MARUSZCAK JR.

The weather was moderately warm, with low humidity - the ideal setting for the first annual Agawam Road Race, which was

planned as part of the town's Fourth of July celebration.

Ed Strabel, a road racer out of the North Carolina Track Club, took the race in a respectable time of 32 minutes and 28 seconds. He also averaged about 5 minutes per mile, which isn't bad for an amateur.

Finishing behind Strabel was Soutwick's Graig Arnold, who placed a 33.32 second. Behind him in the third spot was Stetson Arnold, who turned in a 33.55 time for the six-mile event.

The winner of the race, Strabel, is temporarily stationed at Westover Air Force Base awaiting a transfer. The closest to Strabel and the two Arnolds was Perter Stasz of the Greater Springfield Harriers, who finished at 34 minutes and 4 seconds.

In the two-mile race, another Springfield Harrier took this event with a 12 minute and 49 second time, 58 seconds ahead of the nearest runner.

Gary Crowley, running out

of the Greater Springfield Harriers, took the two-mile event with a comfortable lead over his closest competition, Billy Veins, who finished at 13:47.

Behind Crowley and Viens came David Atkinson, a free-lance runner in at 15:16, and Tim Burr, another untached runner at 16:10.

The amazing part about Crowley's victory is that he's only 16 year of age, and already averaging a little over 6 six minutes per mile.

The race began at the Agawam Jr. High School as well as ended there, with showers and refreshments were offered to racers following the race.

Prizes were awarded to the first man, first woman, and first resident in the open race, along with the first male and the first female finishing in the two-mile junior race.

Total count: Of the 52 person registered in the six-mile event, only one did not finish the race. It just proves that Agawam is in better physical shape than most people think.

Post 185 Red-Hot In Zone 3B

by DAN MARUSZCAK JR.

Agawam Post 185 started off the second round on the right step last Wednesday night with an 11-2 triumph over Indian Orchard, who finished in the cellar spot in the first round of the Zone 3A division. As an outcome of the game, Agawam was tied for the top spot in 3B with West Side, who also took their first game of the second round.

In their victory over Indian Orchard, Agawam banged out 13 hits along with an explosive 4-hitter pitched by #185 hurler Jim Blakeman.

"He's really a third baseman," said Agawam coach Gerry Smith of Blakeman. "He's been pitching the past couple of games, but wasn't used in the first round", Smith also stated.

Smith had a rotation of Scott Karam, Bob Labun, Chris Hout, and Brian Sweeney in the first round of the season. Blakeman has since become the premier hurler for Post 185.

After a string of Indian Orchard errors two hits a piece for Agawam's John Plante, Tom Harkins, and Mike Barnes, Blakeman coasted through the later innings to bring the 11-2 victory to the Agawam side. The lack of errors compared to the number of Indian Orchard miscues proved to be Post 185's ticket to success, fielding as well as hitting-wise.

"We had a good game, while Indian Orchard played terrible", Smith said referring to the 10 errors committed by I.O. Smith went on to say that this year's Post 185 team has championship potential. In Round 2, the race for the top spot in Zone 3B is expected to be between Agawam and its' life-long rival with West Side. Regular season play will end the first week of August.

In another recent victory, #185 clubbed 15 hits out of Monson in an 11-6 win that evened their record 5-5.

bringing them to a .500 percentage.

Bob Labun, Chris Hout, and Jim Blakeman hurled for Post 185, who brought in Blakeman in the third. Blakeman then went all the way, tallying up the triumph for Agawam.

Monson starting hurler Dave Rice came against Agawam's all-time hit parade, as Mike Barnes and Steve Neilson banged out three hits a piece. Also contributing was catcher Rick Leclerc, who collected two hits, including a double. By this point, Monson brought in Rice's successor, Jim Herbert, to pitch the remaining innings against Agawam.

For the record, each team committed two errors a piece.

In other action, Liberty downed East Side in a game that looked more like a football score, 17-14.

Liberty took an early 5-0 lead with slugging that included three two-baggers in the first innings before East Side's Jim Kirastoulis got the other side on the board with a two-run homer in the bottom of the second.

East Side then went out front by scoring five runs in the third, making it 7-5, with back-to-back homers by Pete Kuniega and Pat Warner.

But to the dismay of East Side, Liberty exploded in the next three innings scoring 12 runs with five hits going into the eight-run sixth.

In another major duel, but not affecting Post 185, was Westfield's 5-4 triumph over Holyoke in the Zone 3A division. Westfield at the time was the second place holder of the division, while Holyoke was in the third spot below the Whip City. Details of the game were not known at press time.

BITS & PIECES — If Agawam's Jim Blakeman keeps up his spectacular pitching performances, he may become one of the American Legion's premier pitchers.

Former Agawam High catcher Brian Rheault's cousin is Liberty's Tommy Rheault. . . Rheault is presently catching for Agawam's rival, West Side.

Rick Leclerc is the present Post 185 backstop, and it looks like he'll be at the catching position for next year's Agawam High baseball team.

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Lionettes Compete In Poughkeepsie Invitational

The town of Agawam became a well known place in the eyes and ears of a lot of New Yorkers over the July 1-2 weekend when the LIONETTES carried their brand of competitive softball to the Poughkeepsie Invitational Tournament.

Of nine teams there, six represented vast areas of New York State, one was from Manchester, CT, one from Chelmsford, MA and the LIONETTES. The LIONETTES were the only team that plays in a league -- the others all jump from one tournament to another. All teams were there to improve their game and their chances in upcoming state championships.

The LIONETTES, together with five families, left Agawam at 7:00 AM Saturday and drove the 125 miles to Poughkeepsie where they checked in at the beautiful Camelot Inn. The excitement of the tournament built up quickly as they prepared for the first game at 11:30 against the Orange County all-Stars.

They were immediately almost overwhelmed by the impressive facilities. West Spratt Park was a complex of seven excellent diamonds, tennis courts and common facilities, adjacent to the scenic and expansive McCann Golf Course. All games were scheduled on just two diamonds at 90 minute intervals with no time allowed for pre-game warm-ups. Other fields were available for practice.

Losing the initial coin toss, the LIONETTES went to the plate first and quickly learned the pattern of the tournament. Pitching was faster than any that they had experienced this year -- solid defense would be the key to success.

Lee-Ann Mercadante was the first to get on base as she smashed a shot that rebounded from the pitchers

glove. Barb Landers followed with a walk moving Mercadante to second. Mercadante outsmarted the opponents on a delayed steal to third and scored the all-important first run of a fielders choice by Karen Tyburski.

The opponents went down 1-2-3 in tasting the excellent LIONETTES defense and responded by putting the LIONETTES out 1-2-3 in the second inning. They tied the game with a lead-off homer in the bottom of the second, then again, went down in order.

The LIONETTES attacked in the third with six consecutive batters reaching base and three runs scored, then came back with another sparkling defense that once again put the opponents down in the short-stop couldn't handle and rattled their defense.

Mercadante continued, forcing a second short-stop error advancing Korob to third. Korob scored with an aggressive slide to the plate on a pass-ball and the LIONETTES were out front 5-1.

Orange County wasn't going to sit back. They put their act together in the fourth scoring 4 runs to tie the game at 5 all. Then, it was all defense until Katie Boyle led off the seventh with a single and advanced to third on a Tyburski liner to right field. Tyburski, threatening a stretch to second, drew a bad throw and Boyle scored the go-ahead run. The next three batters went down in order.

The opponents came back with a lead-off double, but it wasn't to be. She overplayed her welcome and was picked off. Korob chased down center field flies from the next two batters and the LIONETTES had their first win at 6-5 in a game that had everything.

Contributing to the strong

defense in that game, were; Lee Harvey at second, Wendy Ober catching, Edwyna Stefanik on third and Lisa Fern in right field. Kim Santinello pinch-hit for Stefanik in the seventh and Pat Morisset and JoAnne Simmons remained ready to relieve.

The second game, against a very determined team from Middletown, NY, was a carbon copy of the first. Morisset went the distance on the rubber and the big clout came as Simmons smashed a two-run homer. The defense continued to gleam as the LIONETTES went on to win 7-5.

With two wins behind them, it was off to the pool and then steak dinners. At 9:30, a tired team was in their rooms for a well deserved nights sleep -- but no, they still had steam to vent. There was a half-hour of various relay races in the hallway of the Inn, with the families and the Chelmsford team looking on approvingly.

Sunday morning brought breakfast and church before their 12:00 O'Clock game with Binghamton. Binghamton was the N.Y. state champs last year and went on to a seventh place finish in the Nationals. The LIONETTES weren't going to let that bother them and took the lead 3-2 in the first inning. It was all defense in the second and third, but the LIONETTES exploded in the fourth for 5 runs and carried an 8-2 lead to the bottom of the fifth.

But then it was Binghamton. They loaded the bases and squeezed in one, then with two out, a grand slam homer made it 8-7. The LIONETTES increased to 9-7 in the sixth, but suddenly disaster struck. Tyburski went up for a bounding infield chop and landed in a heap, badly twisting a previously injured

knee. She was carried off the field in agony.

Morisset, a southpaw, came on to pitch, but Tyburski normally covers third when she pitches. The opponents found the weakness and scored three to take a 10-9 lead. Wendy Ober opened the seventh with a solid triple, but was stranded as Binghamton successfully defended.

The 2-1 record was enough to earn a spot in the semi-finals. The LIONETTES WERE PAIRED WITH THE EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE AND UNDEFEATED HOST, Hudson Valley All-Stars.

The very gamey Tyburski came to the field in a knee brace ready and wanting to play. It was the coaches decision that no game was worth taking the chance of wrecking a players athletic career -- she would not be allowed to play.

The Hudson Valley pitcher was the deadliest of all. She scattered two hits and one walk in seven innings. The LIONETTES responded defensively, carrying a 0-1 game to the last inning. Then, in the seventh, H-V discovered the weakness on the left side and tore the LIONETTES apart, scoring 8 runs without a ball ever leaving the infield.

All over for the LIONETTES, it was a proud team that left the field. They played hard and well and they gained an incredible experience.

When they came home, they brought the satisfaction of a third place finish, and invitation to play again next year, an invitation to play Binghamton again this year and an invitation to play Chelmsford later this year. But it wasn't what they brought home, it was what they left behind -- the place-name of Agawam, a small town in Western Massachusetts where girls play a very special brand of competitive softball.

Troyer and Rosati Win

At Stafford Speedway

by Larry Bouchard

Last Friday night the Ferrara 100 was run at Stafford Motor Speedway. Geoff Bodine's winning streak was snapped by Maynard Troyer of New York. Troyer, who made it two for two at Stafford is the only driver to beat Bodine this year. Troyer won the Spring Sizzler earlier in the year, while Bodine finished second.

Bodine, who blew his motor during warm-ups had to do some fast work in the pits. A motor from his spare car was removed and mounted into his regular car. Troyer took the lead from Ron Bouchard on lap 45 and was only under pressure by Bodine in the closing laps.

Bodine, who had a slow leak in the left rear tire had to pit three times during the race for air, and each time had to start tail end.

Bodine was also sent to the back of the field by officials for causing an accident in which Richie Evans of New York was knocked out of the race with heavy damage to both the front and rear of his car. Six other cars were knocked out in the accident.

The order of finish was Troyer, Bodine, Bugs Stevens, and Ron Bouchard. In the "Sportsman" division, Agawam's Tom Rosati chalked up win

number six as he out-distanced the field by a large margin over Jim McCullum. At the start of the race there was a five car pileup that saw all cars involved towed away.

Rosati took the lead on lap ten and was never challenged to go on to win the 25 lap main event. Tom made it six for eight this year and is way ahead in point standings for his second straight track title.

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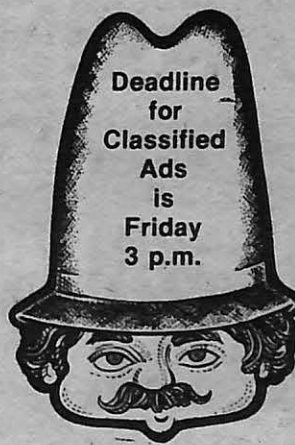
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The A.A.A. Girls' 13-15 softball team "Gino's Package Store" are pictured first row, left to right: Marissa Schibelli, Sandy Berube, Paulette Girard, Erin Conroy, and Alisa LaFrancis. Second row, same order: Angela Ross, Julie Moran, Chris Altobelli, Lorie Collins, Renee Dalton, Allison Lush. In back is coach John Conroy.

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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

The American Archery Council is a very prestigious organization consisting of National Archery organizations and manufacturers of archery equipment. The membership is: National Bowhunter Education Foundation, Bowhunters Who Care, Professional Bowhunters Society, Fred Bear Sports Club, National Archery Association, James D. Easton, Inc., Wyandotte Leather Inc., Archery Lane Operators Association, American Indoor Archery Association, Pope & Young Club, Hoyt Archery, Woodcraft Equipment Co., Professional Archers Association, National Field Archery Association, and Archery Hall of Fame.

The American Archery Council held a recent meeting at Detroit, Michigan and took a very definite stand on several issues that are effecting bowhunting and bowhunters nationally.

The Massachusetts Bare Bow Archery Association has asked the Five Man Board for a two deer season in Mass. The American Archery Council has come out for a two deer season



also.

The Council points out that with a National Harvest Ratio of around 5% it is clear that Bowhunters are people who enjoy the great out-of-doors and who purchase a bowhunting license to hunt, not just to kill. The distinction is an important one.

Nationally, over 80% of all bowhunters also hunt with a firearm. These Two-Season hunters see bowhunting as a way to increase their time in the woods while at the same time obtaining the all-important fresh air exercise that we all need.

Bowhunting is also important to the wellbeing of our wildlife and Game Management Programs in that the sale of Archery Equipment provides nearly \$5,000,000 Million Dollars per year toward those ends through the Pittman-

Robertson Federal Excise Tax Program.

Where the concept of permitting hunters to take deer with both firearm and bow and arrow withing a given year has been tested and proven to be viable recreational alternative with a LOW CROPPING EFFECT on wildlife herds.

A national Bowfishing Association has been formed. It's aims are to form a record system for fresh and salt water roughfish found throughout North America. There will be awards and certificates available for the best roughfish of each species taken with bowfishing equipment.

The Association's record system will be a means of recognizing trophy salt and freshwater rough fish. Records will be kept on length, size, weight and where taken for roughfish recognized by bowfishermen.

Information on this organization can be obtained by writing to the National Bowfishing Association, 1895 N. McCart, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

Gymnastics Program Accepting Enrollments

Olympia Gymnastics, Inc., a non-profit summer gymnastics program for girls ages five to 16, will accept enrollments through Friday (July 21) for the two-week session scheduled July 24 - August 4 at the Cathedral gymnasium.

According to Olympia Director Lyn Wildes, daily workouts will be held Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. with professional instruction for the novice, intermediate, and advanced gymnast on the four Olympic events - floor exercise, balance beam, uneven bars, and vaulting.

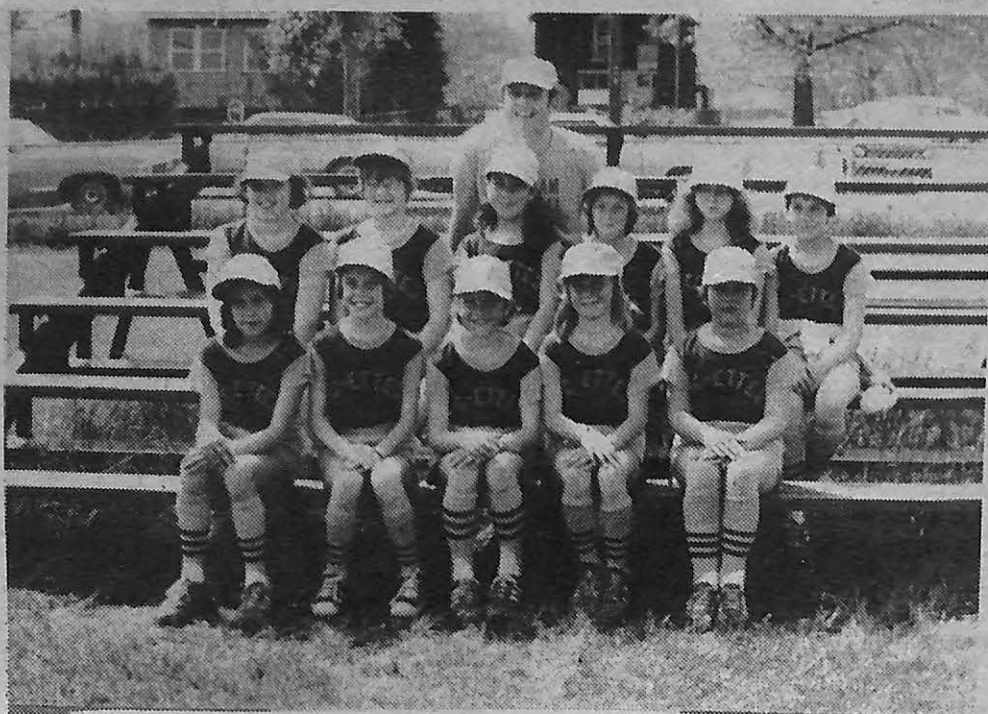
"We're anticipating another outstanding summer," Mrs. Wildes says, adding that Olympia will also offer a two-week session scheduled August 7-18.

"This program is really

for all girls interested in learning the skills and techniques associated with the sport, but it may also be valuable to girls interested in 'keeping in shape' or in just giving the sport a try," she adds.

Mrs. Wildes, the head coach of the Cathedral girl's gymnastic team for the last four years, has led her squads to a cumulative 36-4 dual meet record with Western Mass Championships in 1975 and 1976. Her 1976 Cathedral squad, considered by many to be the finest in Western Mass history, captured the MSSPA State Championship and listed three 'High School All-America' selections.

Persons interested in the Olympia summer program at Cathedral should contact Mrs. Wildes at 782-9110 daily between 5:00 and 9:00 P.M.



The Agawam J-C-ETTES AAA 8-10 Girls Softball Team are pictured. Front row, left to right they are: Susan Placzek, Amy Vagrica, Kara Tebaldi, Sophie Osentoski, and Lorie Hanjack. Second row, same order: Leslie Fogg, Sandra Lynch, Maria Lucia, Tracy Nichols, Kim Kasperak and Andrea Tebaldi. In back is coach Frank Vacirca.

Agawam Softball League Standings "A" Division

	W	L
Village Lounge	11	0
Village Package	8	3
Dante Club	9	4
Showcase	8	4
Gove Realty	6	5
Columbus Club "A"	5	6
Panel Land	6	7
Grants Exterminating	3	7
Italian Sporting Club	3	7
Buccaneer "A"	2	10
Valenti Pizza	1	9

"B" Division

Silver Carriage	10	3
Elbow Lounge	9	3
Marchegian Club	8	3
Agawam Moose Club	9	4
Buccaneer "B"	7	4
Turcotte Mfg.	7	4
Germano Auto Sales	7	4
Village Lounge "B"	8	5
Joseph Liquors	6	5
Agawam A's	7	6
Agawam Turners	5	6
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Columbus Club "B"	3	10
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We have a limited number of openings left for girls ages five through 16 in our next two sessions (July 24-August 4 and August 7-18) with workouts scheduled Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

So, if you're interested in learning new skills, keeping in shape during the summer or in just giving gymnastics a try, give me a call at 782-9110 any evening after 5:00 P.M. and I'll send you our new Olympia brochure.

Remember, we have only a limited number of openings left for our final two sessions, so give me a call today.

Jacquelyn B. Wildes, Director

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Barsalou, Chicopee Striders, 37:29; Kevin Phau, GSH, 38:02; Paul Greguoli, GSH, 38:18; Vic Goulet, GSH, 38:18.

CRESTVIEW COUNTRY CLUB (Agawam)

President's Cup, Low net — R. Wilson 66, S. Meyers 68, K. Baru 68, J. Herzenberg 68, K. Zuckerman 69, J. Riphty 69, Dr. J. Greenspan 69, D. Lesnow 69, F. Brawer 69.

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CRESTVIEW ACES (Agawam)

A hole-in-one was scored on the 142 yard 11th hole at Crestview Country Club by Les Grodsky. Grodsky used a 7 wood on 7/1/78 and was partnered with Milton Katz and Phil Blum.

An ace was shot by Irwin Bell at Crestview on the 144 yd. 3rd hole. Bell used a 7 wood and was witnessed by M. Nissenbaum, G. Silverman, and R. Epstein.

Mrs. Honey Herzenberg scored a hole-in-one at Crestview Country Club's third nole, negotiating the 130-yard shot with a 5 wood. Witnessing the shot was Mr. Jerry Herzenberg.

AMATEUR SOCCER

(week of 7/2/78)

Senior League

Pts.	W	L	T
14	7	1	0
13	6	0	1
10	4	2	2
10	5	3	0
10	4	2	2
10	4	2	2
9	4	3	1
8	4	3	0
8	4	3	0
7	3	3	1
7	3	4	1
7	3	4	1
4	1	4	2
3	1	5	1
2	1	7	0
0	0	8	0

AAA 8-10

Boy's

Playoffs

American Division Champs Whyte Realty (13-0), Faces Ntional Division Champs Corey Colonial (9-4), for the 8-10 championship on July 10-12 & the 13th (if necessary) at Robinson.

Whyte Coach Paul Koretz is counting on the arm of Mike Guggeri & the bats of Joey Albano, Scott Dennis & Boomer Jorgensen, while Corey coach Fran Milliken is counting on John Colonial went right down to the wire when they had to face Medical Personal and pulled out the big win for the Nat. Div. Championship.

During the regular season Whyte & Corety played one game. Whyte came out the winner 17-7, Scotty Zielinski throwing all the way for the winners and Joyn Cooling & Bob Morassi splitting mound duty for Corey.

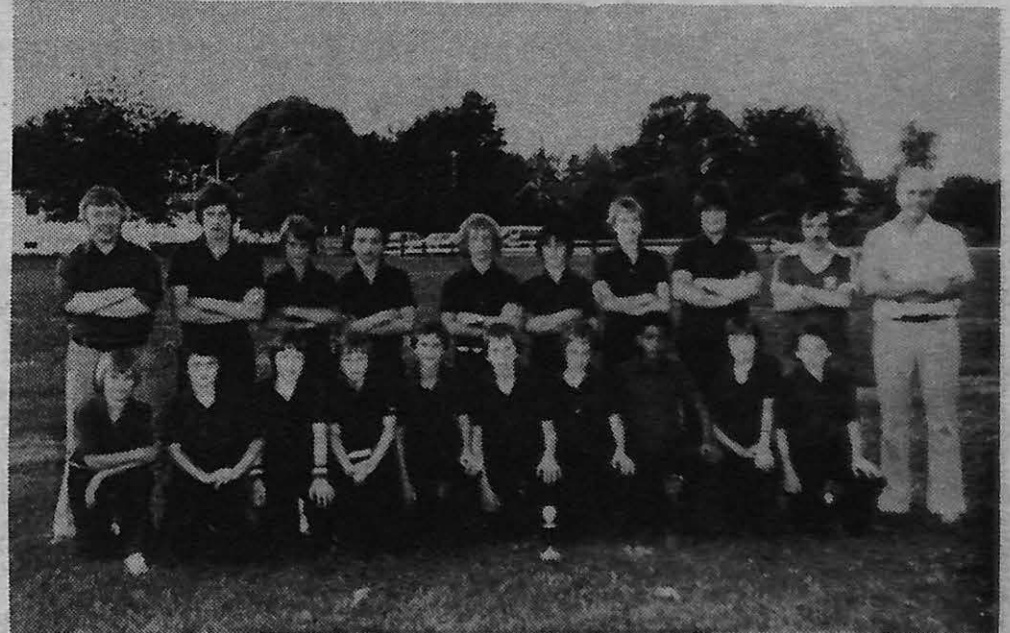
It should prove to be a good series. Good luck to both teams, Gin 8-10 league coordinator.



Peter Caputo, Town Manager, makes presentation of Proclamation from the State House of Representatives to Coach Frank Roper of the Nova Jr. Football.



American Team — Agawam Athletic Association Suburban 11-15 Soccer Team pictured left to right front row: Dave Merrill, Tony Caputo, Chris Kosak, Dave Duclos, Brian Tetreault, David Jenks, Paul Koretz, Richie Costa and Andy Merrill. Back row same order: Jef Fuller, John Duggan, Steve Marcus, Craig Carrier, Tim Guarnieri, Doug Chevalier, Dave Stratton, Dave Jenks, Bill O'Brien and Arthur Chase.



British Team — Nova Jr. Football Club from Stockport-Manchester County England pictured from left to right: front row Jonathan Stewart, Andrew Mason, Martin Quinn, Tony Kavanagh, Nickie Welsh, John Howarth, Darren Hardman, Reece Cunningham, Wayne Scott and Christian Joyce. Back row same order: coach Frank Roper, Derek Hall, Paul Stewart, Steven Blades, Philip Williamson, Graham Reedy, Michael Hibbert, Neil Reedy, Coach Jack Walker and doach Don Coleman.

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tanning process and it is contained in most name-brand lotions," commented the CIS staff person. "Even with a sun-screening lotion on, persons should only sit in the sun for fifteen minutes the first day and an additional five minutes each succeeding day until they develop a good base tan. This amount of exposure can be increased to forty-five minutes of exposure the first

day if the person will be active (playing tennis or swimming) rather than just sitting," added the CIS staff person.

The CIS further advises callers who are concerned about sun over-exposure to wear light-colored clothing with a loose weave and to use a protective salve such as the white zinc oxide (used by many life guards) on the nose and lips (areas of the body which are particularly

susceptible to skin cancer). CIS operators also remind callers that beach umbrellas do not completely block ultraviolet light rays. Experiments show that the sun's rays can bounce off the umbrellas, sending reflected ultraviolet rays into shaded areas. Since these ultraviolet light rays can also penetrate water, swimming is no protection against too much sun.

"A great majority of skin

tumors are not cancer. They are growths that can be classed as benign or non-cancerous," commented the CIS spokesperson. "The most common type of skin cancer (basal cell carcinoma) most often appears as a scaly red patch of skin with a pearly or waxy border. In some cases it may appear as a pigmented (colored) patch and in those cases it must be biopsied (removal of tissue for a

microscopic examination) to rule out melanoma, a more rapidly growing form of skin cancer which also appears as a pigmented patch of skin. Basal cell carcinoma is slow growing, rarely metastasizes (does not spread to distant parts of the body) and it responds well to radiotherapy, chemotherapy and surgery. However, left untreated for a period of years this cancer can cause death by growing so large it

chokes off vital life functions."

As with any type of cancer, the only way to definitely determine whether or not a suspicious skin disorder is cancer is through an examination by a physician and a biopsy. Thus any mole that changes color or size, or a persistent scaly red patch on the skin (especially in areas exposed to sunlight) should be examined by a physician.

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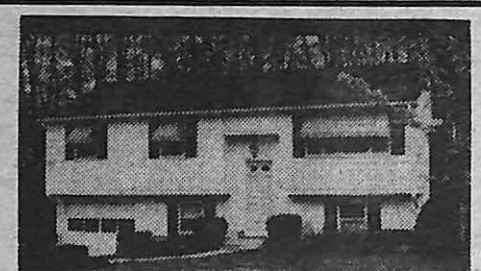
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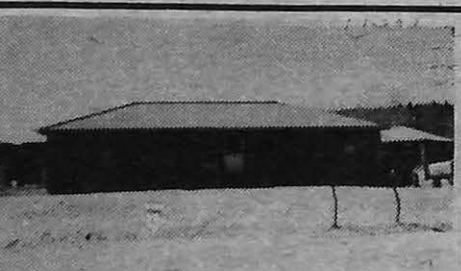
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